

JOHN NELSON says, "The die almost certainly belongs to the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited which company was originally registered on 15th October 1862 as Standard Bank of British South Africa Limited which accounts for the letters SBBSAL on the QV Fig.2.

On 16th February 1883 the name of the company was changed by the omission of the word 'British' and I suggest that at about that time they just removed the pins of the first 'B' so that the die then read S BSAL as on the QV Fig. 1 and KE7 Fig. 3.

My only suggestion about the '18' is that it was there as a reminder for them to complete the full date by writing on either side of it. It will be interesting to see from other reports whether the 'B' and '18' could possibly have been taken out at the same time or whether a S SBSAL/18 die ever existed."

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